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Extravaganza brings fun and big prizes

VICKI BROOKER
 Review Staff



TWO MAYORS AND A DEPUTY - Mayor for a Day Duanne Rivera and Deputy Mayor Terri Hampson rode on the Town of Elk Point's brightly decorated float in the Winter Wonderland Parade, while Mayor Lorne Young walked alongside handing out hot chocolate packets to parade watchers.

Vicki Brooker photo

Elk Point's 33rd Christmas Extravaganza filled Main Street with excitement on Friday night, as the Winter Wonderland Parade made its way down the route through a scattering of perfect snowflakes.

The parade followed a day of shopping specials and activities that included an open house at Lakeland Realty, a Christmas garage sale at Elk Point Municipal Library and an opportunity to enter the Elk Point Chamber of Commerce prize draws with a purchase at more than 35 businesses.

As day turned to evening, activities and attractions also included a bale maze for the smallest children to enjoy, courtesy of Elk Point ECDC, hot dogs cooked up by the Elk Point and District Lions, burgers barbecued by the Cornerstone Co-op staff as a fundraiser for Elk Point Palliative Care, cotton candy swirled up by Elk Point Elementary School Ambassadors and hot chocolate and goodies handed out by both financial institutions. Elk Point Fire Department manned a somewhat reluctant bonfire, which drew a crowd eager to warm up chilly hands and faces during the evening.

Many visitors headed up to the A. G. Ross Arena by mid evening, where the Elk Point Elks were taking on the Dewberry Mustangs, but some still kept shopping right up to a minute before the 9 p.m. prize draws, from the big red draw barrel at Cornerstone Co-op which saw Marie Srdic become the lucky winner of a box seats at an Edmonton Oilers game and Levina Ewasiuk become the proud owner of a new big screen television, proving that shopping local can be lucky!

County declares state of agricultural disaster

JANICE HUSER
 Review Contributor

The County of St. Paul has declared a Municipal State of Agricultural Disaster. The declaration covers the entire County of St. Paul.

Throughout the County of St. Paul 35 per cent of annual crops remain unharvested as of Nov. 26, according to a statement sent out last week.

"These unharvested acres are consistent throughout the County of St. Paul. With recent snowfall it is unlikely that any more will be harvested before spring," reads the statement, which is also posted on the municipality's web-site.

Ultimately, the county is hoping that through declaring the state of disaster, it will draw awareness to the issue.

"It's just really to raise an awareness," says Coun. Cliff Martin, who

is also the chair of the Ag Field Board with the municipality. He notes that the consequences of the situation will be felt economically in the area.

"The economic impact on our agricultural community will be substantial," said Martin.

County council is aware of the hardships facing County producers because of weather conditions, and is raising awareness of the problems facing agriculture in the County of St. Paul, reads the statement, adding, "When our agriculture industry suffers all of our communities suffer."

Since the agricultural disaster was declared last week, Martin says he's had a few producers contact him, and were pleased to know the county is getting involved. He also adds that of the current programs currently available to farmers, most simply don't meet the need of what has occurred in the area

this fall.

With many crops remaining in the fields, residents and visitors to the County of St. Paul are asked to be mindful about hunting and winter recreation activities. Crops can be severely damaged by vehicle and snowmobile traffic. Residents are reminded to obtain permission before travelling on what may appear to be open fields.

The area has seen several years of unseasonably cool, wet weather in the summer, followed by excess moisture in fall and spring.

"These conditions both delay maturity of annual crops and make harvest difficult if not impossible for many of our producers. The added cost of drying grain with the increased cost of running equipment in wet and cold conditions was also considered when making this decision."

In 2017 the County of St. Paul also

declared a State of Agricultural disaster in the spring after a similar harvest season in 2016.

"In 2016 the unharvested acres were at approximately 25 per cent with poor yields and quality also being a problem," according to the statement.

Late last week, MP Shannon Stubbs sent the St. Paul Journal a statement regarding the situation.

"I am deeply concerned about the crisis facing local grain farmers because of this brutal harvest," said Stubbs. She noted that about a month ago, Conservatives MPs called on the federal government to take action to assist struggling agricultural producers.

"I recently had the opportunity to talk with Minister Dreeshan, the Alberta Minister of Agriculture, as well as local farmers and producers about the challenges facing Alberta agriculture," said Stubbs.

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Town approves interim operating budget

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Review Staff

The Town of Elk Point approved their 2020 Interim operating and capital budget at last Monday's meeting, after two long evenings of deliberation. It is required that the budget be passed by the end of December each year, but cannot be finalized until requisitions from other bodies are obtained in the spring. In the meantime, Mayor Lorne Young said, "It's a moving object and can be adjusted if necessary."

A press release from the Town outlines the details of the budget, with revenue of \$4.3 million and expenditures of \$4.3 million. In summary, it states:

The 2020 interim budget is \$4.3 million. This consists of \$1.74 million (40.4 per cent) in property taxes, \$562,830 collected for School and Senior Housing (13.1 per cent), \$1.29 million collected for utilities and services (39.9 per cent) in water, sewer, garbage and user fees.

The Town receives \$436,686 (10 per cent) in grants – federal, provincial, local government, \$205,567 in power and gas franchise (4.8 per cent) and \$78,000 in interest and penalties.

The 2020 interim budgeted financial expenses are as follows:

- Utilities - \$1,352,476; School/Senior Housing - \$562,830
- Public Works and Streets - \$532,797 Administration - \$426,692
- Recreation and Community Services - \$345,596
- Safety and Bylaw Enforcement – \$358,893
- Council - \$164,259 FCSS - \$560,900
- Library - \$54,950 Airport - \$50,503
- Economic Development - \$21,200;
- Professional Services – Assessment/Audit/Solicitor/Engineers - \$38,200
- Capital Projects - \$133,700 Debt Repayment - \$202,500

Total Expenses - \$4,305,497.

Capital Projects 2020

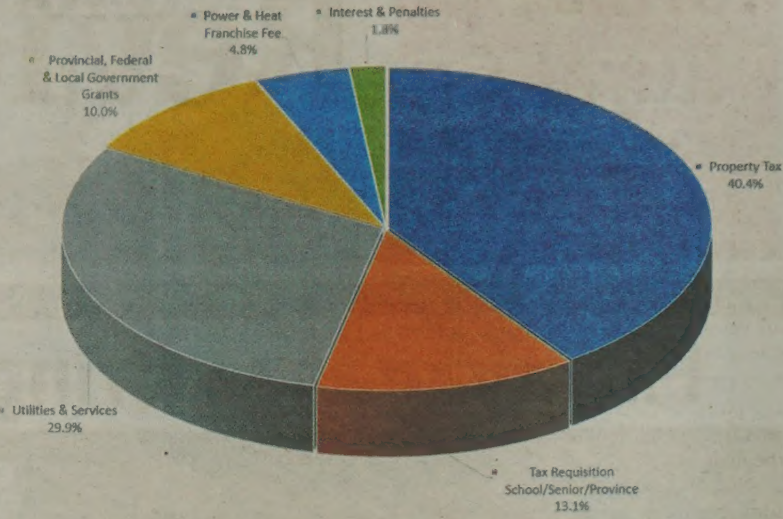
Railway Ave, Street Rehabilitation	Provincial/ Federal Grants	\$265,000.00
Water Meter (Electronic Head) Replacement	100% Water Reserve	\$220,000.00
Backhoe	Provincial Grant	\$165,000.00
East Cemetery Road, 50th Ave-Rehabilitation	General Reserve	\$5,000.00
Sanitary Sewer Lift Station	Provincial/ Federal Grants	\$870,448.00
Sub Total		\$1,525,448.00

Note: Only \$5,000 of operating taxes used in 2020 for

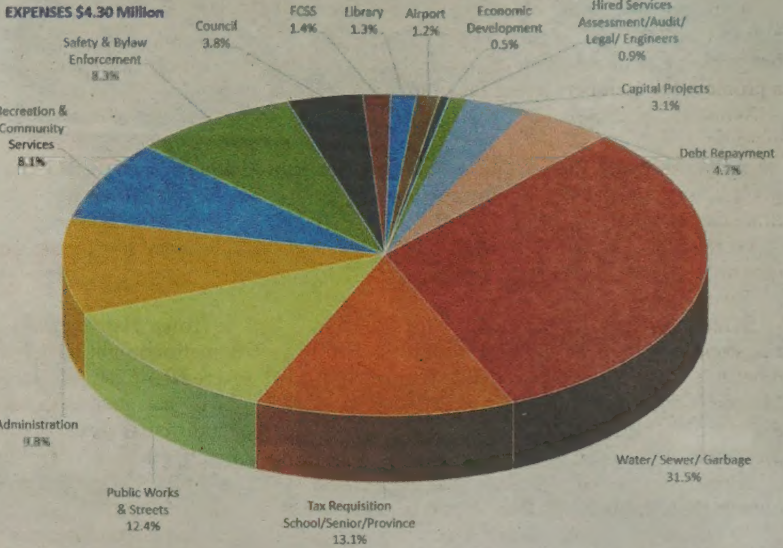
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MAYOR FOR A DAY Duanne Rivera signs a sponsorship agreement for the Winterland tournament on behalf of the Town of Elk Point, with his senior counterpart, Mayor Lorne Young, looking on.

Mayor for a Day wants 'to show why we are special'

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Elk Point had a new mayor on Monday, Nov. 25, and while it was only for a single day, Elk Point Elementary School Grade 5 student Duanne Rivera learned just what the position was all about.

In his entry essay for the Mayor for a Day contest, Duanne said he had "always been fascinated by every mayor of this town, they all had different ideas for improving this place." He also wondered "what the mayor does and how he's going to do it... what it's like to make a decision for the town and what's going to happen if the town doesn't like the things that happen." He listed leadership, decision-making, how meetings are run and responsibilities as things he would like to learn more about.

As mayor for a day, Duanne said

he would "show other towns why we are special and how we are great... the jobs they could work at... the amazing schools we have... the great staff working hard in the hospital and seniors home... the good and respectful people of this town."

"That's why we all run," Mayor Lorne Young told his young counterpart. We want it to be a place people are proud of." Referring to the comment on decisions, he said, "Sometimes council agrees with me, sometimes they don't, but we're a team. And you've been an awesome student mayor."

Duanne was administered the Oath of Office by CAO Ken Gwozdz, signed the sponsorship agreement for the Ronald McDonald House Winterland Invitational on behalf of the town, and was presented with a backpack of gifts from the town in appreciation of his day of leadership.

New incident report format proposed for Rural Crime Watch

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

St. Lina area director Les Nichols brought a suggestion to last week's meeting of the Greater Lakeland Rural Crime Watch (GLRCW) that the membership bring back a crime watch tool that the association used in earlier days.

Nichols, a member since 1980, recalled an incident report form from close to 40 years ago, with a perforated portion that could be tucked under the windshield wiper of a vehicle seen in an unusual site, which said the vehicle had been spotted by a crime watch member and its location was being reported to RCMP. The matching portion had spaces to record the vehicle's license number, where and when it was found and the circumstances surrounding the find, and would be turned in to the nearest detachment.

Nichols said he had found some of these forms in his shop, and some of the long-time members present recalled that the same items were probably still to be found in the glove compartments of long-retired pickups.

A signed paper form would definitely provide written evidence, Nichols said, noting that, "A court of law says if evidence isn't written down, it doesn't exist," but getting that information and evidence to the RCMP in a timely fashion could be a problem for members living far from town, as he does.

What he was proposing, Nichols said, was a digital counterpart, because "now everybody has a mechanism to deal with that. Evidence of some form could be recorded on an editable document on a phone and sent to the RCMP, so they could get it immediately. The more information the better could be put in their hands any time, day or night."

GLRCW president Orest Sereda and the members in attendance saw merit in the idea and felt it would be worth pursuing.

Town Hall

Sereda was "very pleased with the attendance" at the Town Hall meeting in Elk Point on Nov. 20, although he felt "some of the information might have been repetitive for those who had attended earlier meetings," where NEACRU Sgt. James Morton had spoken. Elk Point RCMP Sgt. Dave Henry, who was unable to be at the meeting due to a family emergency, "might have had a different focus" for his presentation if he had been the evening's speaker, as originally planned.

Nichols suggested a similar meeting be held in Mallaig and that people from outside the County of St. Paul would be welcome to attend.

"It would get people talking. The police can only do their prescribed job; they're in a tough position. The current government is serious about (reducing rural crime) and I'm tired of people not knowing what's right and what's wrong."

Trace pen

The trace pen using microdot technology had been discussed at both the town hall meeting and the September GLRCW meeting. Sereda has spoken with Al Ropchan of the Two Hills and District RCW and said that group has brought in a supply of the pens, and will be selling them to both non-members and members, with the members paying a reduced price. However, Sereda said, the pen is only useful if the RCMP detachments have readers, which are available from the US at \$448 Canadian, delivered. Our area would need two, one each for St. Paul and Elk Point detachments and while the detachments could not accept them as a gift, "we could loan them to the detachments." RCMP members would also require black lights to carry around with them to check for the existence of markings, and those can be ordered through a St. Paul hardware store, he said.

"We have to have the RCMP on board for this, they have to want them," GLRCW past president Levina Ewasjuk noted. "If they think they would be valuable, let's put out the money." Sereda agreed to write a proposal to present to the detachments.

Not surprisingly, due to the meeting being held in the last week of hunting season, new Fish and Wildlife officer Tyler Mann was unable to attend the meeting. Representatives from the RCMP were also unable to be there, and Zone 4 Director Jonny Nielsen was away on vacation at the time of the meeting.

The members agreed to have a new rebranded banner for the St. Paul FCSS Volunteer Week created, and are hoping that this version will have the association's name in larger lettering than its predecessor.

The Albert Rural Crime Watch Provincial Annual Meeting is coming up February 21 and 22 in Grande Prairie with author Tom Watson to be the keynote speaker. Registration deadline is Jan. 31, and Sereda has application forms and agendas.

The GLRCW Annual Meeting is slated for Feb. 13 in St. Paul.

POPPY FUNDS PRESENTED - Elk Point Review advertising manager Melanie McRae presented St. Paul Royal Canadian Legion representative Roger Freeman with a \$180 cheque representing the donations gained from the Remembrance Day poppy pages in the Nov. 5 Review.



Town passes MCF bylaw

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

The final step in a year-and-a-half process came Monday, Nov. 25 for Elk Point town council when they gave all three readings to the Urban Municipal Collaboration Framework bylaw and then passed the Class B agreement between the County of St. Paul and the Town of Elk Point for a five-year term.

Class B facilities are those that serve a regional purpose, used by residents in both municipalities, and are municipally owned or funded, as stated in the Regional Recreation Master Plan. Under the agreement, the municipalities will both contribute toward the operating deficit of the Class B recreational facilities listed in the master plan, with the municipality where the facility is located paying the first 35 per cent, and the two municipalities sharing the balance, based on 75 per cent population and 25 per cent equalized assessment.

Winterland Invitational

One of those recreational facilities will benefit again this winter, with the A. G. Ross Arena being one of three sites of the Ronald McDonald House Charities Winterland Invitational Hockey Tournament. With the sponsorship opportunities discussed further during the budget meetings, council agreed to donate \$500 from the 2019 budget.

Fire pit policy and procedure

Following a complaint received by bylaw enforcement officer regarding the burning of refuse in a fire pit, last spring's discussions regarding fire pit regulations was back on the council table, with most aspects of the policy found to be a problem, from the issuance of permits to distances from combustible items to the size of fire pits, council agreed to put the item on the public works meeting agenda.

Water meter replacement

A recommendation from the Nov. 7 public works meeting was brought forward to enter into a contract for replacement of current water meters with electronic water meter heads at a cost of \$206,250. Council agreed to go ahead with the project, starting in January.

Urban hens

The six-month trial run of the Urban Hen Project has not only been renewed, there is now an opportunity for more residents to raise a maximum of three hens in their backyards.

Deputy Mayor Terri Hampson said she has "only seen positive things" from the pilot and "I would like to see it go year round. We don't want to be over-run, but how many can we add?" After a brief discussion and viewing of photos of the two existing projects, all were in favor of not only going forward with the year round project, but to increasing the number of Urban Hen licenses issued to 10. The number of hens per project and the guidelines remain the same.

Bylaw Enforcement and Animal Control

During budget deliberations, council discussed the option of changing Bylaw Enforcement and Animal Control from a position to a part time contract position, and agreed to do so, following a revised organizational chart and job description prepared by administration. The contract position will be advertised in print and on line.

New role

In a review of committee meetings and reports, council learned that Coun. Debra McQuinn is now the chair of Community Futures board, replacing County of St. Paul Reeve Steve Upham, who has served the maximum of nine years on the board. He will be replaced as a board member by County Coun. Dale Hedrick.

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EDITORIAL

Shop local first

It's Shop Local Week in Elk Point, after a busy Christmas Extravaganza Friday, when many took the opportunity to check out the local businesses and get a start on their Christmas shopping.

The slump in the energy sector and the inability for farmers to finish taking off the crops has also had an enormous effect on local businesses, who have seen less customer traffic than usual, and are hurting right along with the oil businesses and the farm families.

Please help them out by shopping local first.

RECREATION CORNER

Awareness and Self Defense

CRISTIN TCHIR
Recreation Director

This Wednesday, Dec. 4, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Elk Point Elementary School gymnasium, women and young girls ages 10 and up are invited to a free two-hour class in Awareness and Self Defense. ECDC will be set up in a room located close to the gymnasium for free childcare. Yes, you've read that right, free class and free babysitting! You're welcome!

Here is what you can expect:

Theory on how to avoid confrontations by basic awareness, what to do if avoidance is not possible, and practice of simple and effective techniques if a physical confrontation occurs including basic kicks and strikes, blocking an attack and how to physically respond if grabbed.

Be prepared to take an active part in the class. Activities are modified to fit any fitness and ability level, so everyone can take part. In a two-hour class, participants can only learn a few basic techniques, but if practiced and applied these techniques can make a difference.

The class will be taught by Sensei (instructor) Calvin Leckie, who will be assisted by some of his female intermediate and advanced karate students.

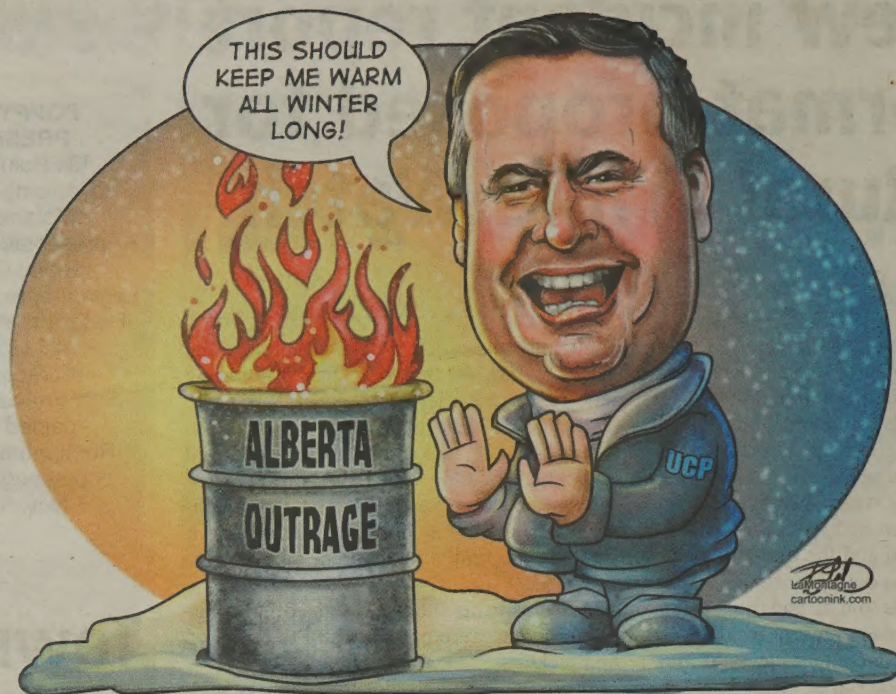
Calvin has been teaching Karate at St. Paul Karate-Do for 29 years. He is a fifth-degree black belt in Karate and a second-degree black belt in Kobudo (Okinawan weapons).

Calvin's Dojo (karate school) is in downtown St. Paul. He has about 50 students from four-year-olds to over 60-year-olds. Beginners usually start in September and classes run all year. Information about St. Paul Karate-Do can be obtained from cleckie@yahoo.com or 780-645-8452.

I am excited about this class; I hope to see a big turnout. Please email recreation@elkpint.ca and let me know if you plan on attending!

Did you know we had a new Mayor? Just for a Day, Duanne Rivera was voted in by his classmates and won the chance to see what it's like to be Mayor for a Day. Here's how Duanne earned his title... Any student that wanted to be Mayor for the Day had an opportunity to write an essay detailing why they think they should be chosen to be Mayor for the Day. Mrs. YOUNGHANS and Mr. NG chose the top three essays, those students got to read their essays to all the Grade 6 students. Then a vote was held, where, just like our federal election, the student got a ballot and one at a time went behind a screen to cast their ballots. The ballots were counted and Duanne had the majority win. Mr. NG says Duanne is a well-spoken, hard-working student. He loves to help others and takes any job assigned to him seriously.

Congratulations again Duanne!



WAY BACK WHEN...

Burdened roads, landfill concerns, merry mood, slippery sidewalks

HERE'S THE NEWS THAT MADE THE HEADLINES OF THE LAKELAND REVIEW AND ELK POINT REVIEW FOR THE WEEK OF DEC. 2 IN...

1984

Oil development was putting a burden on area roads, and the Elk Point Chamber of Commerce met with the Heavy Oil Advisory Committee to discuss the immediate need for paved secondary highways in the Lakeland, with Bonnyville MLA Ernie Isley urging municipalities and chambers of commerce to give the HOAC lists of their concerns in that regard. Town council passed the bylaw authorizing the town to acquire additional recreation land following the ratepayers' approval of the purchase in the Nov. 14 plebiscite.

1989

Alberta Liberal leader Lawrence Decore visited with town, business and industry leaders, game farmers and senior citizens during a visit to Elk Point and area, visiting a game far, the Pioneer Circle drop-in centre, Elk Point Truss and Heritage Lodge as well as attending a public luncheon. Plans were underway for the Associated Canadian Travelers' first-ever Mini Telerama in Elk Point, with that event planned for late January.

1994

Extravaganza warmed up a frosty Friday, with an enthusiastic crowd ignoring bone-chilling conditions to do some serious shopping, take a hayride, check out the volunteer-made skating rink, visit with Santa and enjoy the roaring bonfire, with Susan MacKinnon, Bernie Hurtubise and Gwen Bristow winning a total of \$600 in Elk Point Bucks at the end of the evening. A proposed dry landfill site near Armistice (Hook) Lake faced opposition, with County of St. Paul council inundated with letters from residents in that area citing

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concerns, although Elk Point town council endorsed the development, provided it met environmental standards.

1999

BPO Elks Grand Exalted Ruler Paul Clendenning received a warm welcome from 14 area lodges when he visited Elk Point, with two District Deputies, OORP Past District Deputy Sharon Algot, nine Exalted Rulers and Elk Point OORP Honored Royal Lady Stella Blazenko bringing greetings from their lodges. Canadian Salt's Lindbergh works would soon accept oilfield waste if the Alberta Energy Utilities Board approved the disposal of the waste in three 450-metre-deep caverns.

2004

There was no snow for Santa's sleigh, so he hitched a ride on the E-Can float in the Christmas Extravaganza parade as Elk Point exploded into the Christmas season with close to 20 minutes of fireworks ending the evening of fun. The Elk Point-based Buffalo Trail Team Roping Association headed and heeled their way into a new season with over 370 teams taking part in a double-header kickoff weekend.

2009

Extravaganza put Elk Point in a merry mood with an afternoon and evening of events, entertainment, organization fundraisers and fun for all ages. Town council shared their policing concerns with RCMP Sgt. Brad Lazicki, with vandalism, destruction of property and young people ignoring the curfew bylaw, as well as speeding on the Iron Horse Trail seen as the major problems.

2014

Sidewalks, slippery sidewalks were a main topic of discussion for Elk Point town council last week, after the first major snowfall of the season had closed sidewalks along Highway 41. A smaller than usual crowd of hardy area residents braved the cold weather and snowy roads to take part in Elk Point's annual Christmas Extravaganza only a sparse crowd lined the Main Street sidewalks for a short but brightly decorated parade of floats and tractor-drawn wagons, with the RCMP leading the way.

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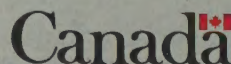
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SUPPORT FOR CAMP WHITNEY - Elk Point Royal Purple treasurer RubyAnn Kittlitz, secretary Verna Lazicki and member Lavern Kittlitz presented Shirley Kvill of the Camp Whitney with a donation to assist with next year's operation of the popular summer camp.



SANTAS' HELPERS - Elk Point Community Lions Sandie Bishop and Sandy Ockerman accepted a \$500 donation from Ruth Vogel on behalf of the Christian Community Church and \$250 from Lawrence Pidluzny from the Elk Point Elks Lodge for the Santas Anonymous campaign.



AND MORE SANTAS' HELPERS - Elk Point Community Lions Sandie Bishop and Sandy Ockerman accepted a \$1012.92 donation from RubyAnn Kittlitz and Verna Lazicki of the Elk Point Royal Purple for the Santas Anonymous campaign.



WARM TOQUES ALL AROUND - Dwayne Vogel of Prairie Tech and Truck-in 2000 and Justin L'Heureux of Elk Point Tire visited Elk Point Elementary School recently to present big boxes of toques from all three businesses - enough for every student. Dason Pinder and Brenden Scott accepted on behalf of their fellow students.



HELP FOR HAYING IN THE 30S - Elk Point Royal Purple treasurer RubyAnn Kittlitz, vice president Brenda Diesel and secretary Verna Lazicki presented a \$3,650 donation to Albert Boratynec, Martin Naundorf and Ray Hellquist of Haying in the 30s. The Myrnam Royal Purple also made a recent \$250 donation to Haying in the 30s, Naundorf said.

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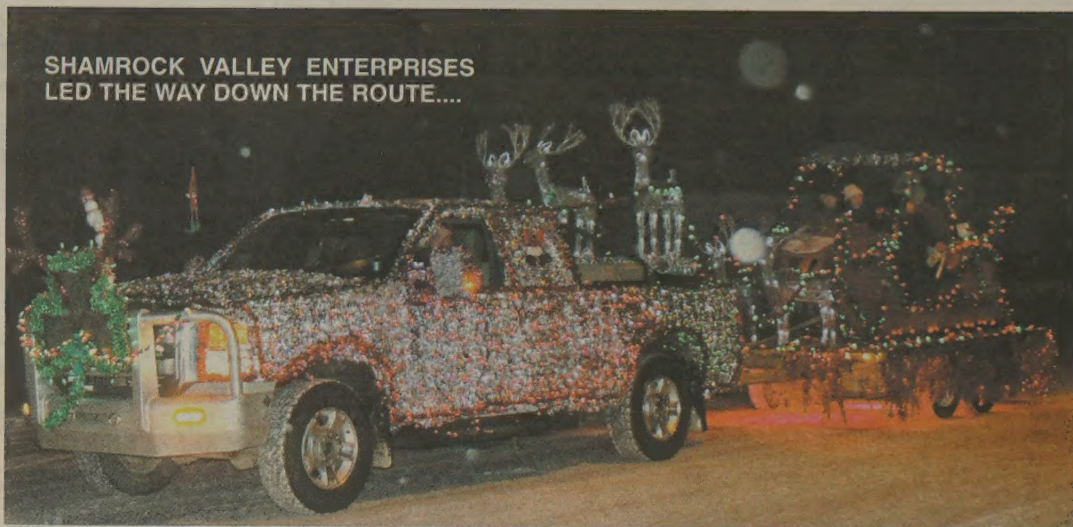
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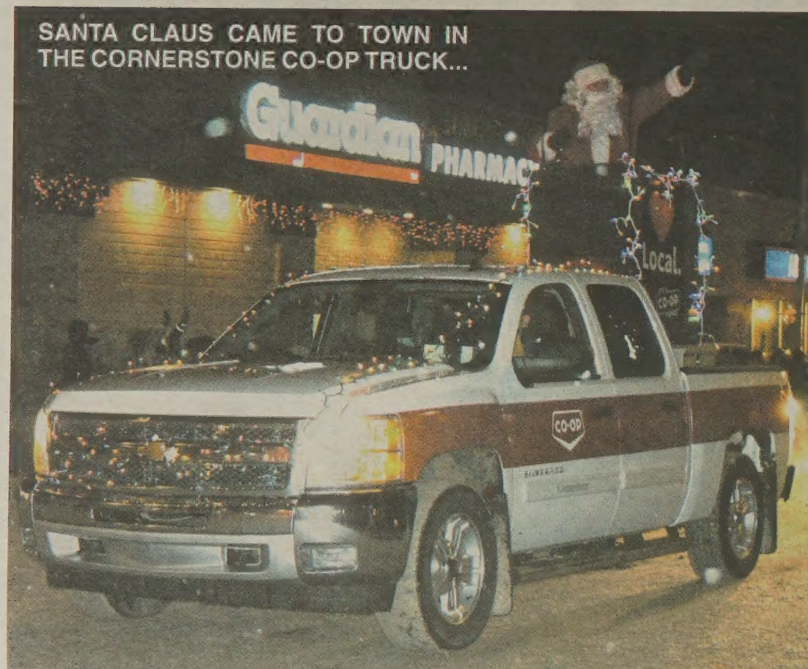
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Fluffy snowflakes added an air of magic to Friday night's Christmas Extravaganza as the Winter Wonderland Parade made its way up Main Street and around the community, passing by the seniors' residences, Parkview Extended Care and Elk Point Health Care Centre so all could enjoy the colorful spectacle....

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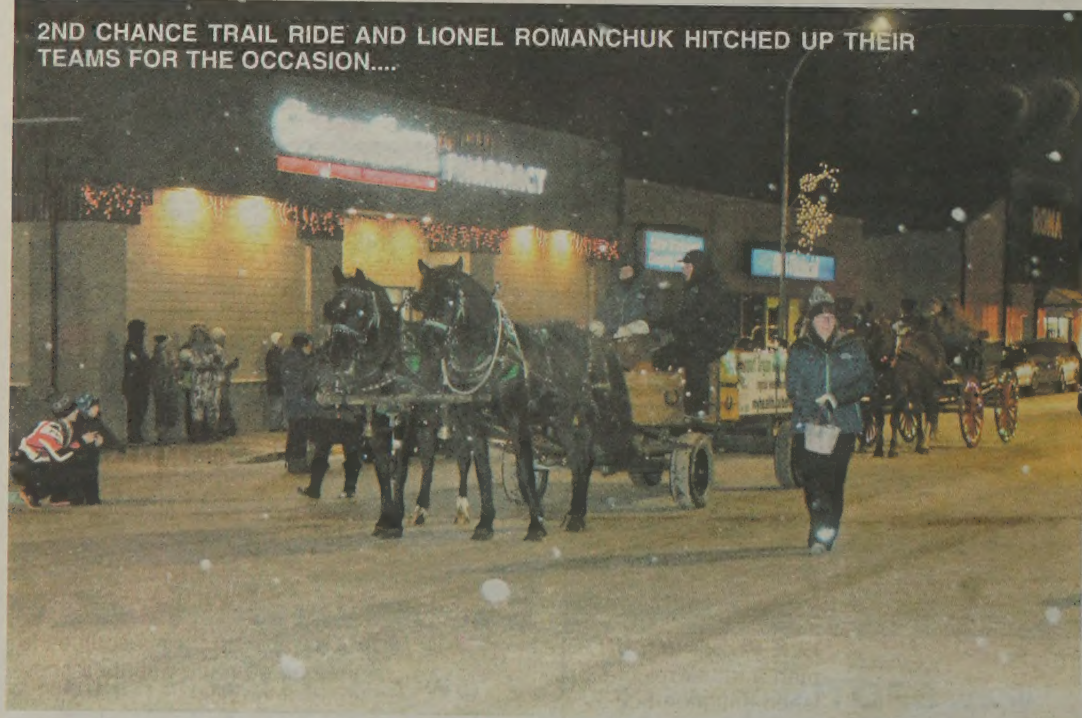
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Shannon Stubbs reappointed as natural resources shadow minister

RUSHANTHI KESUNATHAN
Review Contributor

Lakeland Member of Parliament Shannon Stubbs has been reappointed by Conservative Party Leader Andrew Scheer as the conservative shadow minister for natural resources.

In a Nov. 29 news release Stubbs says she is honoured to be reappointed and will once again lead the fight for the sector's competitiveness.

"The livelihoods of hundreds of thousands of workers and families, and the future of thousands of communities across Canada depend on it," Stubbs said in the release.

Stubbs will work closely with Cathy McLeod, a British Columbia member of parliament, who has been chosen as the shadow minister for Mining and Forestry, and previously worked as the shadow minister for Indigenous Affairs.

"Forestry in British Columbia is collapsing, mining in the north is stalled - which is worrisome because mining is often the only private-sector source of jobs and government revenues," said Stubbs.

The reappointed shadow minister also called out Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and the Liberal Party in the media release, saying, "Bill C-69 stands in the way of developing a national energy corridor."

"Canada's natural resource sectors are in a crisis - and federal Liberal policies are a key cause," Stubbs said.

During the federal election held in October, Albertans shut out the Liberals and coloured their real estate blue as the Conservatives took 33 of the province's 34 seats - dotting just one part of Alberta's land with the colour orange, an NDP representative.

"If Prime Minister Justin Trudeau is serious about walking his talk on working with the Prairies, then he will instruct Natural Resources Minister Seamus O'Regan to work collaboratively with the official opposition to address the national unity challenges his liberal government caused."



From the Hack is back!

JOANNE WARAWA
Elk Point Curling Club

Some of you may remember the Elk Point Curling Club's weekly curling write-up, 'From the Hack' from a few years back. This year we decided we wanted to let everyone know what's going on at the curling club and it seemed fitting to bring back the weekly article. Curling kicked off strong this week with our first Wednesday of Mixed League and our first ever Crib N Curl on Saturday night. We've got 15 teams in mixed league this year off all ages and skill levels but all with the common goal to socialize and have some fun. We lost some teams from last year but gained a

couple to replace them so we welcome the new faces!

On Saturday night we had 16 teams participate in our two-man curling and crib tournament. In the competitive pool, Tyson Ballas and Tyson Stafford took first place after winning a tie-breaking draw to the button against Curtis Porcina and John Regnier on the curling side. Porcina and Regnier didn't go away empty handed though - they won the crib side by a landslide. And in the non-competitive pool, Ken and Claire Ference swept both the curling and crib. Overall, it brought lots of new faces into the club, money was raised and fun was had by all, so stay tuned for maybe another Crib N Curl in January!

School nutrition program funding boosted

RUSHANTHI KESUNATHAN
Review Contributor

Last week, the provincial government announced it would be increasing funding through grants for the school nutrition program - which feeds hungry students - by \$3-million, according to a Nov. 28 news release.

The increase brings the school nutrition program funding to \$18.5 million, which includes a new grant for non-profits to pilot better delivery of the program in partnership with schools, according to the government.

The program was started by the NDP government to help or improve a school's nutrition program. It feeds about 35,000 students in 62 schools.

"We know good nutrition has a positive impact on student learning. That's

why we are looking to improve the efficiency of the school nutrition program by tapping into non-profit organizations that are knowledgeable, innovative and best positioned to address documented challenges such as program coordination, staffing, food procurement and food quality," Education Minister Adriana LaGrange said in the release.

According to St. Paul Education's superintendent, Glen Brodziak, "Any possible funding increases to help our students is welcomed."

St. Paul Education runs breakfast programs in all of its schools, and has been running programs since before specific funding had been announced for school nutrition. The programs go beyond just breakfast, with programs also focused on teaching students about healthy eating in general.

Disaster

(Continued from Front Page)

She noted that with a number of challenges in front of producers at the moment, she is "strong opposed" to the federal government imposing the federal carbon tax on Alberta Jan. 1, 2020 - which is just weeks away.

Overall, the Conservatives are call-

ing on the government to meet with Alberta government counterparts to collaborate on solutions to help farmers; make agriculture relief programs more responsive to farmers; work to open the Chinese market for Canadian canola; halt the plan to impose the carbon tax in Alberta in January; and recall the act quickly to address the agricultural crisis.

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FINAL SCORE WINNER was Koleton Cubey, whose dad Mike accepts his \$300 cheque from Don Pilisko.

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New Elks score tiebreakers

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

There are a lot of new names on the Elk Point Elks team roster this year, and some of these additions to the team are also making additions to the scoreboard.

Two of those additions scored in overtime this weekend to give the Elks back-to-back wins.

Extravaganza Friday night saw an excellent hometown crowd on hand and although Dewberry was first on the scoreboard, courtesy of Ty McNab off an assist by Carter Myhowich, Matthew Boulianne scored off an assist by Lee Letestu to tie it up.

The Mustangs would pull ahead with the only goal, scored by Chance Bensmiller and assisted by Ryley Bates, in the second frame, but newcomer Donovan Bibeau would score almost right off the third period face-off, assisted by Dillon Kalinski and Morgan Greve, and Aaron Gagne, assisted by Bibeau would not only reply to the third Dewberry goal, hammered home by Austin Hines and assisted by Bates, to tie the game, but would come back just 41 seconds into overtime to score the winner, the final score 4-3 for the Elks.

Saturday evening's trip to Paradise Hill to take on the Hawks also ended in a tie after 60 minutes, with Matthew Boulianne scoring a goal in each of the first two periods, off assists by Jason Kalynchuk, Lee Letestu, Dyson Karbaszewski and affiliated player Isaac Barr of the Lac La Biche Jr. B Clippers, whose teammate Brody Rosychuk also contributed to the action.

Two second period goals by the Hawks tied the score, and it remained tied until after the final buzzer, only to be broken by Bibeau one minute and 43 seconds into overtime for the Elks' 3-2 win.

On the Nov. 22-23 weekend, Gagne scored the Elks' only goal in the game against Two Hills Longhorns, off an assist by Bibeau, and the following night against Kitscoty Monarchs, Gagne and Bibeau each contributed a goal and two assists to the 10-0 win. Newcomers Tristan Kean, Morgan Greve and Brandon Rogan also added a goal apiece to the score. Returning players added the other five goals, Myles Whitford with two goals and two assists, Dillon Kalinski with one goal and five assists, Scott Ward with a goal and two assists and Christian Nypower with one goal and an assist. Team captain Jason Kalynchuk added two assists and Devin Moneta one.



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No Saturday sleep-ins for Micro Novice Avs

It should be early to bed, early to rise for the Avalanche Micro Novice team. They play Saturday mornings at 8:30 a.m. But, some of them seemed a little sluggish this past Saturday and I wonder why?

Maybe they were in town to watch the parade and then the Elks Senior team game in which they won in overtime against Dewberry. The game ended about 10:30 p.m. One of them did for sure. The Elks' flag bearers on Friday night were the Malo brothers, Novice player Ryder the 'Rhino' and his younger brother Jase 'the Jackal' Malo who plays with the Micro Novice.

But the lack of sleep didn't seem to effect the 'Jackal' at all. He scored two goals on Saturday morning against the Frog Lake T Birds. The 'Jackal' is one of the more aggressive players on the team and hunts down the puck. For the 'Tornado' Aarbo and Grayson

'Bang Bang' Koppang also scored goals on Saturday morning. Little four-year-old Landon 'Lights Out' St. Arnault scored into an empty net while the teams were on the three-minute line change. Technically it didn't count, but some would argue that none of the goals in Micro Novice count, as I found out!! The assists coming from 'Mount Everest' Hahn, Aspy Kelly and Thomas Morris.

The Avalanche were missing a few players that morning so everyone had plenty of ice time. Jaydn the 'Shark' Sakowsky wanted the best of both worlds. He wants to play in net as a goaltender every shift. But when he stops the puck he just takes off with it up the ice trying to score a goal leaving the net empty!!

The **Novice Avalanche** players had an extra hour and half sleep. Their game at home was against the Vermilion Tigers at 10 a.m. Saturday. Theo 'Long Horn' Loughran told his mom Tellia he would like to be a goalie and suited up for the Avalanche. He may have second thoughts after this one. I don't remember anyone ever getting this many shots on them. Sounds far fetched, but as a witness I can contest it is a fact. He faced 99 shots on goal and made some really big saves. Although the Tigers would win by a huge margin, his goals against average wasn't that bad at all

Jaxon 'Magic' Marcoux pulled a few tricks with four goals. 'Jesse James' Penner firing his six-shooter with a goal and an assist, William 'Billy Bob' Ballas with a goal and two assists, with Hayden Badger, Hudson 'Hammer' Krankowsky and Luke Osinchuk all tall on the blue line stopping the Tigers attack. Lennox 'All Out' St. Arnault, Ava Rawlake and Avree Lesyk doing a terrific job of forechecking.

The **Atom Avalanche** played two very close games on the weekend, losing a close one Saturday 5 to 2 against Lloydminster and winning a barnburner on Sunday 2 to 1 against Consort. Kale the 'Hawk' Ockerman and 'Without a Trace' Morgan with one goal and one assist each on Saturday, 'Notorious Nolan' Ballas with two assists. On Sunday, the 'Hawk' and Jaxon 'Smitty' Smith with the goals, 'Notorious Nolan' and Braylee 'Wee Willy' Lesyk with the

assists. This coming weekend the Atoms will be hosting a six-team tournament with teams coming from Pierceland, Marwayne, Edmonton, Lac La Biche, and Lloydminster. The first game for the Avalanche will be 8:30 a.m. Saturday morning against Edmonton, then again at 4:30 p.m. against Lloydminster. Sunday will be the A B and C finals.

Late Sunday afternoon the **Peewee Avalanche** headed 20 minutes northwest to St Paul to tackle the archrival Canadiens, coming home later that evening with a four-all tie. The game was back and forth, the lead changing three times and finally ending in a tie. 'The 'Pinball Wizard' Brayden Pinette bouncing around with a goal and an assist, rushing defenseman Gavin 'Giver' Kadutski with a goal - if this keeps up I might have to start calling him 'Green light'. Madden 'Mad Dog' Flamand with a goal, Kaysen 'Dynamite' DeMossiac tying it up again late in the game, 'Top Gunner' Crawford with an assist.

Rolling, rolling, rolling!! Not much can stop an Avalanche when it gets rolling from burying teams six feet under. The **Bantam Avalanche** rolled over another two teams this past weekend. On Saturday they defeated Bonnyville 10 to 0 on the road and then defeated Consort Sunday 9 to 0, shut outs number three and four on the season for goalie Vanden 'Super Mario' Moroziuk. 'Mick Jager' Fontaine with three goals and three assists on Saturday, a hat trick for his younger brother 'Kid Kade'. Two goals and one assist for Dean 'the Machine' Ockerman, Cea Jay 'Quick Draw' Quinney with a goal and an assist, 'Saint Nic' Penner with a goal, Brady the 'Bionic Man' Hymanyk with an assist.

On Sunday they were at it again. Three goals and three assists for 'Mick Jager' Fontaine, two goals and two assists for Sam 'Spiderman' Rogal, two goals and one assist for 'Kid Kade' Fontaine. Seth 'Motorman' Morton with a goal and two assists, Ryan 'Ram Rod' Cameron with a goal, Cea Jay 'Quick Draw' Quinney, Wyatt 'Wild Man' Pavoll and Josef 'the Red' Theriault each on the sheet with a helper.

And now for the K. A. Campbell quote of the week. "It's tough to fly like an eagle when you're surrounded by turkeys." - Don Cherry.



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